

May 12, 2008
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The Jackson Parish Police Jury met in regular session Monday, May 12, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Mr. Tom Goss, Mr. Eddie Langston, Ms. Maxie Monroe, Mr. Ray Duck and Mr. Troy Smith. Absent: Mr. Kent Hightower and Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. Also present: Mr. Douglas Stokes, Assistant District Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Mr. Langston. Mr. Smith gave the invocation and Mr. Goss led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments: Mr. Todd Culpepper, an alderman of Quitman requested that the jury consider assisting the village with street repair. He also requested that the jury continue its financial assistance to the Sparta Commission in the amount of \$1,500.

Mayor Leslie Thompson addressed the importance of Sparta. He discussed the Mayor's Networking party that was held at the community center on March 28, 2008.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to amend the agenda to include:
Resolution in support of SPARTA funding
Summer youth employment program
Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to adopt the minutes of the April 14, 2008 meeting, the April financial report and the payment of all bills as presented. Motion carried.

The vice president called for the committee reports.

The secretary-treasurer presented the report of the Uniform Construction Code Committee of May 5, 2008:

"Uniform Construction Code
May 5, 2008

The Uniform Construction Code Committee met Monday, May 5, 2008 at 4:00 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr. and Mr. Ray Duck. Absent: Mr. Eddie Langston. Also present: Mr. Tom Goss, Mr. Kent Hightower, Ms. Maxie Monroe and Mr. Troy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Mr. Zeno. Mr. Duck gave the invocation and Mr. Smith led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Chris Smith of the *Jackson Independent* discussed the annual Living in Jackson Parish supplement in the newspaper and the Jury's participation.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to place the adoption of the Uniform Construction Code Ordinance on the May 12, 2008 agenda as presented with electrical inspections of manufactured homes by the parish Building Official to be included; with an implementation date of June 15, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury approve application forms and permit forms be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Duck to amend the agenda to include the purchase of software for the permit office. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury approve the purchase of permit software from IBTS at a cost of \$10,000 to be paid from grant funds. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to amend the agenda to include transfer of a permit vehicle. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury authorize the transfer of a Ford F150 purchased with building code funds to be transferred to the road fund with the road fund reimbursing the cost of the vehicle. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Zeno to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Goss to adopt the minutes of the Uniform Construction Code Committee. Motion carried.

Ms. Monroe presented the report of the Solid Waste Committee:

Solid Waste Committee
May 5, 2008

The Solid Waste Committee met Monday, May 5, 2008 at 5:05 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Tom Goss, Mr. Kent Hightower and Ms. Maxie Monroe. Also present: Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Mr. Ray Duck and Mr. Troy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Ms. Monroe. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury approve the quotation of J. T. Allen in the amount of \$2,350 for repairs to three bin sites: Alexander, Fred Hearne and Quitman hilltop. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury authorize the advertising for bids for the purchase of an excavator for the parish landfill. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury approve the purchase of a mower from L. P. Saw in the amount of \$3,999.00. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury approve the purchase of a 20 foot trailer from Tool City not to exceed \$3,600.00. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to recommend that the jury approve the request of the superintendent to construct a partition in the scaler's office. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to amend the agenda to include planning for a model bin site at the Quitman hilltop location. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Hightower seconded Mr. Goss to recommend that the jury authorize the engineer to begin plans for a model bin site at the Quitman hilltop location. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Hightower to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Solid Waste Committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Goss presented the report of the Road Committee:

“Road Committee
May 5, 2008

The Road Committee met Monday, May 5, 2008 at 5:25 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Tom Goss, Mr. Eddie Langston and Mr. Ray Duck. Also present: Mr. Kent Hightower, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Ms. Maxie Monroe and Mr. Troy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Mr. Langston. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury authorize the road superintendent to engage a plumber to obtain a cost estimate for sewer repairs on Elmore Road. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury approve the request of the Town of Chatham for overlaying Mill Loop using a cracked fuel oil application, with work to be performed by the road department crew. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to separate the recommendation to overlay Mill Loop for the Town of Chatham from the road committee report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Road Committee excluding the overlaying of Mill Loop for the Town of Chatham. Motion carried with Mr. Langston voting against.

Mr. Goss presented the report of the Building and Grounds Committee:

Building & Grounds
May 5, 2008

The Building & Grounds Committee met Monday, May 5, 2008 at 5:45 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Tom Goss, Ms. Maxie Monroe and Mr. Ray Duck. Also present: Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Kent Hightower, Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., and Mr. Troy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Mr. Goss. There were no public comments.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury approve the installation of a low water fuel shutoff safety valve on the auxiliary boiler at a cost of \$533.33. Motion carried.

Mr. Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury approve the purchase of one sixty foot flag pole and two fifty foot flag poles from Flag USA and installation by Alexander Contractors at a total project cost of \$19,684. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury authorize the cleaning of the exterior of the parish courthouse in the amount of \$10,997.00 by Like New Exteriors, Inc. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to recommend that the jury authorize the building superintendent to obtain quotes for plaster repair and painting of walls in the courthouse. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Ms. Monroe to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to exclude the committee’s recommendation to approve the installation of three flag poles on the courthouse lawn. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Building and Grounds Committee as amended deleting the installation of three flag poles on the courthouse lawn. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith presented the minutes of the Personnel Committee:

“Personnel

May 5, 2008

The Personnel Committee met Monday, May 5, 2008 at 6:15 PM in the Jackson Parish Community Center. Members present: Mr. Nathaniel Zeno, Jr., Ms. Maxie Monroe and Mr. Troy Smith. Also present: Mr. Tom Goss, Mr. Eddie Langston, Mr. Kent Hightower and Mr. Ray Duck.

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Mr. Smith. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to amend the agenda to discuss job descriptions in the road department. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury approve the hospitalization proposal of Blue Cross for 2008-2009. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury approve the travel / conference expenses of the Registrar of Voters in conjunction with the Certified Elections Registration Administrator Program. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury amend the Personnel Policy Manual to pay time and one-half for all emergency callout work with a minimum pay for 2 hours worked. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to amend the agenda to include a letter of appreciation. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that a Letter of Appreciation be sent to all employees that participated in the cleanup of storm damage to the Town of Chatham. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury appoint Mr. Brandon Jones to fill the vacancy of Jeremy Fox on the Jackson Parish Tourism Commission. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury approve the professional leave of Robin Sessions and Lee Johnson for Landfill Certification in Marksville June 17-19. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury approve the employment of Jeffery Harlan as a mechanic in the solid waste department as recommended by the superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to omit item 7C to consider the employment of Steve Rowe in the solid waste department at the request of the solid waste superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Mr. Smith to recommend that the jury accept the resignation of Terry Davis from the road department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury rescind the employment of James Matt Vail in the road department as recommended by the road superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury approve the probationary employment of Marcus Thompson as a Driver I in the road department as recommended by the superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury approve the probationary employment of Carl Hopper as an Operator II in the road department as recommended by the superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury approve the probationary employment of Chris Johnson as an Operator I in the road department as recommended by the superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Zeno to recommend that the jury employ eight youth in the YES Program for 2008, working 32 hours per week. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury authorize the secretary-treasurer to create a job description for the parish Director of Emergency Preparedness and to advertise for the part-time employment of a director. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Zeno seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury amend the agenda to discuss overtime in the road department and the supplement to the *Jackson Independent*. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to recommend that the jury purchase two pages in the Living in Jackson Parish supplement to the *Jackson Independent* at a cost of \$1,250. Motion carried with Mr. Zeno abstaining.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to adjourn. Motion carried.”

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Smith to adopt the minutes and recommendations of the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Paul Riley presented the Engineer’s Report.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to authorize the engineer to advertise for bids for the 2008 Road Project. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Goss to accept the report of the engineer. Motion carried.

Curtis Blakely presented the Solid Waste Report.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to accept the April solid waste report. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to accept the low bid of Travis Trailers, Inc. in the amount of \$52,717.00 for one (1) refuse trailer to be paid from solid waste funds. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to take the bids for a heavy duty truck and loader under advisement. Motion carried.

Jody Stuckey presented the Road Report.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Smith to accept the emergency/off schedule report. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck seconded Mr. Goss to approve the overtime pay in the road department as requested by the superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to employ David G. Robertson as an Operator in the road department. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Duck to table the transfer of one Ford F150 from the building code department to the road department for \$17,688. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion Mr. Smith to transfer ownership of one (1) Ford F150 from the building code department to the road department for \$17,688. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to authorize the president to sign a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Jackson Parish Hospital to lease office space for the Office of Addictive Disorders for one (1) year at \$1,500 per month. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the payment of \$8,400 for pollution insurance for the parish landfill as required by the Department of Environmental Quality. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Ms. Monroe to approve the 2008 appropriation in the amount of \$6,648 to the Office of Veteran's Affairs. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to delete agenda item #13 to rescind Building Code Ordinance Number 06-0725-2007. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to authorize publication of the proposed Building Code Ordinance and a Notice of Intent to adopt the proposed Building Code Ordinance during the regular scheduled meeting of June 9, 2008, with an effective date of June 16, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Mr. Duck to submit an invoice to the Mayor of the Town of Jonesboro in the amount of \$350 for use of the Jackson Parish Community Center on March 28, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Goss to require a resolution from governing bodies requesting free use of the Jackson Parish Community Center. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Goss to require a resolution from governing bodies requesting emergency assistance from the jury. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to begin negotiations to formulate Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Jonesboro for operation of the Jonesboro Airport. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Goss seconded Ms. Monroe to approve payment of travel reimbursement to constables and justices of the peace for attending the state certification conference. Motion carried.

Motion Ms. Monroe seconded Mr. Duck to approve the following purchase orders:

Walpole Tire	\$ 8,000.00	Solid Waste
NAPA	\$ 504.00	Road
Amethyst Construction	\$50,000.00	Asphalt
La. Machinery	\$ 1,500.00	Asphalt
Master-Tech Automotive	\$ 565.00	Solid Waste
Ruston Tractor Inc.	\$ 480.00	Asphalt
Service 1 st , Inc.	\$ 533.33	General
Contech	\$ 8,857.10	2008 Road Project
L P Saw Shop	\$ 540.00	Solid Waste
Lowe's	\$ 450.00	Solid Waste
Gulf Coast Creosote	\$ 4,500.00	Road
E. S. Voelker Co. Inc.	\$ 560.00	Road
Winn Rock	\$ 4,350.00	Road
Southern Air Conditioning	\$ 490.00	Health Unit
J. T. Allen	\$ 1,050.00	Solid Waste

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Goss to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION'S EFFORTS TO SECURE PERMANENT FUNDING OF SAID COMMISSION'S OPERATIONS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,

Whereas, the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District was created by the State of Louisiana to direct efforts to preserve the Sparta Aquifer, the primary source of potable water for North Central Louisiana;

Whereas, the ongoing rapid depletion of the Sparta Aquifer poses a threat to not only the health and welfare of citizens of North Central Louisiana but also to the economy of the region;

Whereas, the impact of the depletion of the Sparta Aquifer on North Central Louisiana is of vital importance to the whole State of Louisiana;

Whereas, the State of Louisiana has not yet provided a permanent source of funding for the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District's operations;

Whereas, the Commission is in need of permanent funding to establish programs necessary to preserve the Sparta Aquifer;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson Parish Police Jury hereby requests your support of Representative Rick Gallot's efforts to secure permanent funding of the Commission's operations from the State of Louisiana;

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jackson Parish Police Jury hereby requests that the local governments, citizens and industries that rely on the Sparta Aquifer for potable water lend their support to Representative Gallot's effort, and contact their respective Senator and Representative, and the Governor of Louisiana.

The above resolution is hereby passed unanimously this 12th day of May, 2008.

President

Secretary

Motion Mr. Smith seconded Mr. Duck to adjourn. Motion carried.